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AIR MAIL

Professor H. Kikkawa
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Dear Professor Kikkawa:

Francis Ryan has just written me of the possibility that Mr. Hirota might be interested in coming to this laboratory. Our facilities for post-doctoral applicants are very limited, but we may have room for graduate students who can remain here long enough to qualify for the Ph.D. degree. We have had a very happy experience during the past few years with Mr. Tetsuo Iino in this respect. If Mr. Hirota's interest is in qualifying for the degree and he has the time that would be necessary to do so, about three years, I will be very glad to entertain his application for a research fellowship or research assistantship. These appointments will pay approximately \$1900 next year. From this must be deducted about \$200 in tuition costs. I regret that we do not have additional funds to cover travel expenses, but Mr. Hirota might apply to the Fulbright Commission for a travel grant.

We have had some difficulty in our attempt to reproduce the results on the removal of F from E. coli by means of cobalt. We have not so far been able to trace the source of the discrepancy. We are now undertaking the more laborious method of repeated selection for cobalt-resistance.

Your impressions of Mr. Hirota's ability would be very well received. If his qualifications are of the same order as those of Mr. Iino or Dr. Kimura, he will have no difficulty in obtaining support here.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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P. S. I will be in Australia during the summer of 1957 but will be back in Madison by the first of October. If Mr. Hirota comes he should plan to be here by early September so as to register for the fall semester of courses here. I hope it will be possible to indicate final action on his application by the end of March.